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| In re Patent Application of                                  | ) Group Art Unit: 3753        |
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| Application No.: 10/518,641                                  | ) Confirmation No.: 5066      |
| Filing Date: April 4, 2005                                   | )                             |
| Title: VALVE ASSEMBLY FOR OPENING<br>AND CLOSING A FUEL LINE | )<br>)                        |

## REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION TRANSMITTAL LETTER

MAIL STOP RCE Customer Number 21839 Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 Sir: Applicant(s) requests continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the  $\square$  395  $\boxtimes$  790 fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e). Applicant(s) requests that any previously unentered after final amendments 1. Α. not be entered. Continued examination is requested based on the enclosed documents identified in item 2 below. Applicant(s) previously submitted the following documents for which 冈 B. continued examination is requested:  $\boxtimes$ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on July 24, 2006. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_. Other: The following documents are enclosed with this submission: 2. Amendment/Reply. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s). 09/26/2006 JADDO1 00000072 10518641  $\boxtimes$ Information Disclosure Statement. 790.00 OP 01 FC:1801 A Petition for Extension of Time.  $\boxtimes$ Other: Small entity status is hereby claimed. 3.

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|             | Applicant(s) requests suspension of action by the Office until at least, which does not exceed three months from the filing of this RCE, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c). The required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed.        |
| $\boxtimes$ | The Director is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate. |
|             | Respectfully submitted,  |
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